

NEWS BY THE MAIL

NOTES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.
On Saturday, 25th June, at Chester, Mr. Gladstone was struck in the eye by a missile thrown by a woman in the crowd he was addressing. The carriage containing the venerable statesman had only just passed a four-in-hand driven by Mr. Yerbury, a Liberal Unionist candidate, when a woman standing on the pavement suddenly raised her arm and threw a missile with great force at Mr. Gladstone.

him in the corner of the eye, causing bleeding from the nose, and rebounded on to Mr. Jas. Tomkinson's face. The veteran statesman, who had been leaning forward acknowledging the salutations of the crowd, raised his hand suddenly over his eyes, and fell back in his seat. Mr. Gladstone, in response to the sympathetic inquiries of Baron Halkett and Mr. Tomkinson, said he saw a woman throw something at him savagely and with energy, and that he was suffering some pain from his eye. He observed that the woman was dressed in a very poor way.

It was a cruel thing to do. I hope some not will be taken of it. For the remainder of the journey to the club, Mr. Gladstone kept his hand over his eye. In the meantime Mr. Tomkinson had picked up the missile which had been thrown. As it was found to be a hard-baked gingerbread nut, a retainer it in his possession. Mr. Gladstone was carried into an ante-room at the club where he was attended by two doctors who happened to be present. Examination revealed a slight scar near the bridge of the nose. There was a little delay while the

As being bathed, and during this painful interval, some whispered amongst the enormous gathering that Mr. Gladstone's presence that he had unfortunately met with an accident. When the first gentleman appeared it was evidently a great relief to the audience, and the reception accorded him was marked by intense enthusiasm. When Mr. Gladstone sat down during the few brief introductory words uttered by the chairman (who made allusion to the incident), it was observed that

very pale, that the muscles of his face were twitching, and that he was obviously enduring much pain. He repeatedly placed his hand to his forehead, notwithstanding his discomfort, the ex-Premier spoke with animated voice and manner for just 30 minutes, his original intention being to confine his address to 30 minutes' duration. At the conclusion of his speech Mr. Gladstone went into the assembly-room where a number of ladies had gathered in the hope of hearing a few words from him, but Mrs. Gladstone explained that her husband had spent with an accident.

which made them feel that they ought to go home directly. Something, she said, had been thrown at the great force which had struck his eye. After drinking a cup of tea, Mr. Gladstone, still feeling depressed from the eye, decided to send for Dr. Grainger, cousin to Chester Infirmary. That gentleman immediately obeyed the summons, and having examined the eye, found it would be necessary to treat at his residence, whither accordingly Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone proceeded. Dr. Grainger found that the

He had glanced across the left eye, inflicting a wound on the cornea a little to the inner side of the pupil, and had then struck upon the bridge of the nose, inflicting a slight wound, which had bled freely. Mr. Gladstone remarked that he had never seen a woman throw with such spite and energy. He asked whether the wound on the cornea would be likely to prove serious or injure the sight. Dr. Russell said it might if not well taken care of, but with proper attention he thought it would be unimportant. Mr. Gladstone said he was glad to hear so.

into his carriage with his eye bandages and loudly cheered by a sympathetic crowd. The *London Daily Telegraph* has some interesting reminiscences of previous mishaps to Mr. Gladstone's carriage:—Fifty-four years since (says our contemporary) Mr. Gladstone conceived the idea that it would be better for his eyesight were he to substitute candles for the somewhat primitive and feeble lamp by which he had been in the habit, for many years, of studying by night. The light shed by two

edness was not sufficient for his purpose, but, with his indefatigable and perseverance which are his marked characteristics, he continued to perform his right task, with the result that his right eye became so much weakened that his medical advisers enjoined upon him the necessity of abstaining totally from work and living as far as possible in a dark room for six months. Long before that period he inspired Mr. Gladstone made a trip to Southern Europe, in company with his old college friend, Richard D. Webb, of New York, and his brother-in-law, Charles

two companions passed the winter of 1838-9 at Bowa, where they fell in with Sir Stephenson, and his mother, Lady Glynn, and with her daughter, of whom the elder, Miss Catharine Glynn, is now Mrs. Eldon. and a younger, Miss Mary Glynn, who died in 1841, married the late Lord Lytelton. Mr. Gladstone became engaged to Miss Glynn in July 1839. Once again a grave accident to a

stone's eye threatened for a few days to produce the most serious consequences. It is well known that he did not begin to wield the axe as an amateur feller until he was 40 years old, and not long after he felled a chip flew upwards as he was cutting down an oak and struck him in the right eye, which is still sensitive of the two. A few days of rest and total abstinence from work sufficed to restore him entirely; but it is a remarkable fact that the "arcuate line," or circular ring outside the pupil, is still visible.

developed in Mr. Gladstone's eyes at a much earlier period than is common with human beings who are destined to be more than usually prolonged in life; for instance, Sir Andrew Clark told me that in 1864 he was called in professionally for the first time to attend Mr. Gladstone, who was in his 55th year. Sir Andrew was not long in discovering that, physically and mentally, his illustrious patient was the strongest and most active man whom he had ever examined. Even the weaker he had an abnormally large and very

longly-defined "circular ring" in both eyes, which clearly proves how little that signal of light has to do with longevity or failure of power.

On the 26th June Captain Dale, the aeronaut, hanged, a youth of 17, and two friends, one Mr. John Ingham, 46 Graham-road, Dalston, and the other Cecil Shadbolt, of Lubbock-road, Bromley, made a balloon ascent from the Crystal Palace. The party risen a short distance when the balloon collapsed, a captain was killed, and his three companions were injured.

the hospital in a dangerous condition. Captain himself, as was his wont, personally supervised the preliminaries, in the presence of his wife, daughter Amy, and his son Willie. A very large crowd of people, including a great company of children—some 25,000 altogether—intently watched the preparations. While the balloon—which, it was estimated, had a capacity of 45,000ft.—was being inflated, it was discovered that there was a small hole near the mouth of the silk, and this was mended by the utmost care by the aeronaut's wife on the spot.

and, and so far as appearances go, this had nothing to do with the origin of the accident, although up to the present the cause cannot be specifically ascertained. Before entering the war, one of the officials addressed Captain Dale, and expressed the opinion that he would have a favorable voyage. In reply Captain Dale said, "I did not expect it. It was quite different at 12 o'clock." The wind was blowing very fairly from the west at that time, and when Dale gave the order to "let go," the

soon shot up into the air at a great rate, the crowd applauding the adventurers, who in turn shook handkerchiefs and waved their hands to their friends in the admiring crowd. Scarcely two minutes elapsed before the balloon was seen to be falling. The actions of Captain Dale, who could be seen in the car, indicated that something was wrong. Those in the car evidently realised the danger. One of the men who witnessed the accident said that the balloon itself suddenly became stationary, and then, as if it extended from the side of the car, it extended from the side of the car.

the balloon towards the top could be distinctly seen on the milk reservoir dragged on one side. A smoke-like substance appeared to be coming from the aperture on the north side of the balloon. This may have been the escape of air. The aperture was about 20ft. in length and 10 mm this moment the balloon began to descend, and the excitement in the grounds became intense, people rushing away to avoid the falling mass, but coming together again immediately the car reached the ground. Directly the danger was distinctly perceived

led by the crowd below the air was filled with violent screams, and strong men, panic-stricken, stretched and held each other. The same witness said that when the balloon was falling the silk bag caused in a perpendicular position—taking the form of a closed umbrella; but the weight of the car kept ropes and reservoir above it in its fall. Those in the car, apparently realizing that the contents of the wicker-basket added to their danger, frantically threw out everything possible—sandbags, hamper

ties or clothing, etc. Some that day or night, their efforts by the fact that they wreathed buttons from their clothing, the wreckage included one of the brass anchor-buttons attached to Captain's blue serge suit, a collar stud and buttons from garments of his companions. When within a few feet of the ground the occupants of the car were apparently preparing to jump from under this suddenly-falling network and balloon. It was too late, however, and the car was dashed to the ground when, over the great lake and fountain and the firework

heure, with terrific force. The fearful thud could be heard for some distance. It was seen that Captain Dale was crushed into a lifeless mass, while those hanging on to the car (Captain Dale's son) was so badly hurt as to be rendered unconscious, and was removed was apparently in a state of collapse. The first to recover from the fright, I rendered assistance was a gentleman who employed in connection with the Electrical Exhibition, rushed forward and pulled Mr. Shadbolt out of the car.

The night which met the eyes of the rescuers was enough to appal the strongest nerves. The wind and where the balloon struck bore shocking testimony to the unfortunate aeronaut's death. Captain Davidson completely doubled up, his head resting on his hands, and the other three were on top of him in a cowering and sitting posture. Mr. Shadbolt had his face streaming from nose, mouth, and ears, and he uttered a wail such as the forehead, which had been

acted during the fall by coming in contact with the falling iron. Some members of the police force ran to the scene of the disaster, which was a grain near the firework frame, some 400 or 500 yards from the field adjoining the north tower where ascent was made. Doctors and other visitors to the Palace rendered invaluable assistance. Mrs. DeWitt witnessed the whole of the disaster, and the spectators say they never saw such agony expressed in man's face. Amongst the crowd was a medical

The Paris *Figaro* publishes a letter from Pope Leo XIII to Monsignor Fava, Bishop of Grenoble, in connection with the Congress of Young Men's Catholic Associations. The letter begins by expressing

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SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE HERALD'S LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

SWEARING-IN OF MEMBERS.

THE LATE SPEAKER RE-ELECTED.

LONDON, Aug. 4. The new Parliament assembled at noon today. The Right Hon. Arthur Wellesley Peel was re-elected Speaker of the House of Commons. The formal swearing-in of members was commenced, and will be continued until Monday next.

THE WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.

LONDON, Aug. 4. The debate on the want of confidence motion to be moved by Mr. Gladstone will come on next week.

DISPUTED ELECTIONS.

LONDON, Aug. 4. A petition has been presented against the return of Mr. Frank James (Conservative) for Wallasey.

The petitioners were lodged against the return of Mr. Arnold Morley (G.L.) for East Nottingham, and against the return of Mr. Henry S. Wright (Conservative) for South Nottingham, have been allowed.

MR. GLADSTONE.

CONFERENCE WITH IRISH MEMBERS.

LONDON, Aug. 4. Mr. Gladstone has nearly recovered from his indisposition, and has had a long interview with Mr. Justin McCarthy, M.P., and Mr. John Dillon, M.P.

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LONDON, Aug. 4. Mr. Gladstone was able to take carriage exercise yesterday.

BRITISH POLITICS.

THE PARNELLITE DEMANDS.

LONDON, Aug. 4. The Parnellite members of the new House of Commons demand a winter session of Parliament, the reinstatement of the evicted tenants in Ireland, and the introduction of Home Rule. The Nationalists (Anti-Parnellites) are willing to agree to a prorogation until January.

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LONDON, Aug. 4. At the meeting of the British Association at Edinburgh last night, the president, Dr. Archibald Geikie, F.R.S., delivered a brilliant address on Geology.

THE LATE LORD SHERBROOKE.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT WESTMINSTER.

LONDON, Aug. 4. At a memorial service held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on the occasion of the death of Lord Sherbrooke (Robert Lowe), many members of the House of Commons were present. Archbishop Farrer delivered a eulogium of the deceased statesman.

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LONDON, Aug. 4. Mr. James Munro, Agent-General for Victoria, has been on a tour in Scotland, but is hastening to London.

AUSTRALASIAN FINANCE.

CRITICISM BY THE INVESTOR'S REVIEW.

LONDON, Aug. 4. The Investor's Review, in an article headed "Heavy-laden New Zealand," declares that, though residents in New Zealand may regard the graduated tax on real estate as an emancipation from the tyranny of landowners, the British investor considers it onerous, and it will more than neutralise the soothing effect of abatement from borrowing. It has already done immense mischief, and must do more. Nevertheless, the Review admits, only by some such step could the Government of New Zealand bring the finances into a healthy condition.

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LONDON, Aug. 4. In the yacht race for the Australian Cup, presented to the Royal Yacht Squadron by Mr. C. G. Miller, and sailed at Cowes to-day, six vessels competed. Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the German Emperor, sailed the Irene. The Cup was won by Mr. E. R. Wroughton's sloop, the Queen Mab. Mr. J. A. Inglis's sloop, the cutter Thalia, being second, and the cutter Varuna third.

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LONDON, Aug. 4. The Irene has won the Royal Yacht Squadron's prize, defeating the Meteor.

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W ENGLAND WITHIN THIRTEEN

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

columns to lay before the public some facts in regard to that remarkable piece of country known as "false tableland."

Mr. J. Hawden, of Grafton, who has been for twenty years advocating railway extension to the Lawrence River, in accordance with a system designed by himself and a few other gentlemen, in giving evidence before the Sectional Committee in Grafton with regard to this "false tableland" known as the "Dorridge"—that is, the land was about 25,000 (twenty-five thousand) acres, and that it "was not what some people imagined," and he thought the Government should have it analysed at a very early stage of the survey." According to the

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By expase, and it took us two days to get it hard working to get through it. I believe the area of bush lands alone on this table to be at the least 30 square miles in extent. The bush is a very dense growth of trees and shrubs prior to the railway reserves being made. Leaving the land and climate to be splendid for wheat, grass, root crops, and fruit trees. Turned out to be a very good thing. The climate is not so dry, at least so far as I have seen, on the river of the Clarence River. The wheat did not show and was estimated to produce 40 bushels to the acre. This tableland is part of New England. The climate is smaller, but much milder, and more suitably will yet be looked upon as the same. The climate of the New South Wales. This would be a good thing for the New South Wales. It is through this country that the Sydney-Tynga railway line will go. By Mr. S.

Mr. Simpson, and recommended by him. In other cases this line can be made better and cost reduced. But this matter I shall take up at a proper time. It must be remembered that this is only a trial survey, made through a dense forest, where a person requires an intimate knowledge of the country to get the best results. I am very satisfactory to find that Mr. S. See, so long a member of the committee, in his evidence before the committee preferred this line to the Newmarket line. He expressed the opinion of the bulk

I am, &c., EUGENE F. RUDDER.

LARRIKINISM AND THE LASH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

I perceive by a paragraph in your to-day's issue that a witness who had given evidence against a criminal at the Criminal Court for a safe robbery was convicted, was seriously assaulted and injured by some of the criminal's associates. If it proved, as some time will come, when some

of terror will be established that witnesses will be afraid to give evidence, ruffians escape punishment, and the Crown will be unable to secure a conviction. I think that the Government should consider the means for the bringing to justice of the party of ruffians who committed this assault. I have no personal interest in the bill Mr. O'Connor proposes to introduce to suppress larrkinism. He proposes to reduce, confecting the power on one magistrate, though I am opposed to the lash, I am more strongly opposed to its being placed in the hands of a magistrate. I believe it would be better when

istrate or Bench of magistrates decided that a prisoner deserved flogging that the prisoner should be committed for trial, and that a jury alone should have the power of awarding the punishment of flogging. But I venture to express an opinion that the present prison discipline, coupled with solitary confinement, would tend more to suppress

Sir Henry Parke, who is opposed to retrogradation, said about two years since in Parliament: "I think it is a great mistake in our criminal law to reduce so barbarous a physical punishment as branding." Now, as an excuse for this barbarous punishment it has been stated "that after d

ishment of flogging the culprit takes care not to let the offender escape its reprobation." Let us see whether this state of things is borne out by facts in the mother country. Whether the lash is not opposed to reform as a punishment, is a question of opinion. The views of such eminent Judges as Lord Brougham, Brett, Denman, and Keating are totally opposed to the infliction of the lash. Judge Keating says: "When flogging prevailed in the army and navy, I believe that generally the same men were repeatedly punished for similar offences, and I was much surprised if a case could be found where a flogged man became less vicious. During more than 40 years of experience of criminal courts I have observed criminals who were generally less amenable to the law."

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should have a more beneficial effect than the last
 did not let us retrograde, but follow the bright ex-
 ample of England in ameliorating our criminal code.
 I see no reason why the criminal law of England
 should not be assimilated in every respect with our
 own.
 I am, &c., **FREDK. LEE.**
 August 3.

THE RAILWAY TRANS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.
 Sir, I fail to see why your correspondents writing
 to you should be so much more plausible than

the above should scoop a goodly number of travellers by the railway train are better off than any of the those unfortunate members of the community who are compelled to use the other lines. In the first place they have always plenty of accommodation provided for them, the trains are always run to table time and take precedence to other trains, and, lastly, the cars are usually kept in a clean condition, so that well-dressed people can ride in them without fear of soiling their clothes. Is there any other line in any city or suburbs where such conditions of travel obtain? The daily rule? Ask any traveller who has been by the Leichhardt, Botany, Newton, or

A SUBURBAN TRAM TRAVELLER.

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